

**Greek School Notes**

Our St. Nicholas Greek School is sponsoring its annual Mardi Gras Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening filled with lots of delicious foods, great music from our wonderful band made up of parish members and many more festivities. Costumes are encouraged and welcomed. Tickets are on sale now, please buy in advance because seating is limited. Adults \$30.00; ages 13-18 \$15.00; ages 4-12 \$10.00 and ages 3 and under free. For ticket information, please contact Tammy Chalagianis 734-433-9511 or Athena Papageorgiou 734-663-2318.

**The Bookstore Recommends:** *The Way of the Pilgrim*, a widely influential classic of Orthodox spirituality, details the anonymous narrator's journey across Russia as he learns to practice the Jesus Prayer devoutly and begins to acquire the spirit of peace. *Wounded by Love* by the Elder Porphyrios, stands out as a simple, intelligent exploration of Orthodox spirituality. *Saints and Sisterhood* by Eva C. Topping tells the story of 42 women saints' lives. *Icons and Saints of the Eastern Orthodox Church*, a comprehensive, beautiful work on the icons of the Eastern Orthodox Church, detailing each icon's significance.

**HOPE** will meet Sunday, February 14th from 12:30 to 2:00. We'll be discussing Ruth and her love for God. Lunch will be provided.

**Outreach and Evangelism**

The Mission of the Outreach & Evangelism Ministry is to renew and share the Orthodox Christian Faith by nurturing a deeper commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ within His Church. Please consider joining this important ministry by contacting Chris Kerry or the Church office.

**U-M Modern Greek Program**

If you love Greek poetry, save the date for The 8th Annual Dimitri and Irmgard Pallas Modern Greek Lecture. This year's lecture will be "The Norton Anthology of Greek Poetry: Translations, Anthologies and their Critical Excess." Presenter is Professor Karen Van Dyck of Columbia University and will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 4:00 p.m. Rm. 3222, Angell Hall, U-M Central Campus. The event is FREE and open to the public.

**GOYA News**

February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be combined with the Super Bowl event and the Chili Cook-off. We will host the meeting in the conference room and move to the social hall to watch the Super Bowl.

In support of the Haiti Relief collection GOYA will be contributing a generous donation and sending prayers to all of those who are suffering from the Earthquake disaster.

Honoring our commitment with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration GOYA will be hosting the fellowship on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents of GOYA members are asked to contact advisor Laura Kokkales @ [Kokkales@umich.edu](mailto:Kokkales@umich.edu) to sign up to help.

**Scout Sunday, February 7th**

The Boy Scouts of America have designated Sunday, February 7th as Scout Sunday. This is the day to recognize the contributions of young boys and adults to Scouting. Are you a cub scout, a boy scout, an Eagle scout, a Scout leader? Were you a boy scout or leader years ago? Please let Niki Wardner know by calling, 973-8039, or email, wardner35@msn.com We plan to recognize boy scouts and leaders on Sunday, February 7th to help mark the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Please wear your uniforms.

**AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS**

To qualify for the AHEPA District College Scholarship **you have to be a member of the AHEPA family** (sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, AHEPA or Daughters). If your college does not have chapters of the Sons or Maids, I encourage you to join the AHEPA or Daughters. For an application, please contact Dr. Kleanthous at c.kleanthousmd@sbcglobal.net. To Join the Daughters, call Perry Katsikas 734-995-4766 for information.

**Be A Part of The Welcoming Program**

This ministry is important and ensures that everyone passing through our doors and entering Christ's Church are welcomed and made to feel comfortable. We need people to sign up for this ministry so please take part in it. Sign up sheets are in the exo-narthex. Thank you for participating.

**Ezekiel 18:30** "Therefore I shall judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin."

## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

### January 31, 2010



#### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

**Orthros**

9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy**

10:00 AM

**Church School**

After Holy Communion

**Epistle Reading**

I Cor. 6:12-20

**Gospel**

Luke 15:11-32

**Creed**

English

**Psaltis**

Zannis Res

**Choir**

Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**

Greek School

**Fellowship Hour**

Greek School

**Trisagion Service**

3 Months Alexandropoulos Family

Behold the affliction of my heart, O Christ:  
look upon my turning back; behold my tears, O Savior,  
and do not despise me, but in Your compassion,  
embrace me once again, and count me with the  
number of the saved, that with thanksgiving  
I may sing the praises of Your mercy.

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)**  
**Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:**

**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*  
*January 31, 2010*

**Epistle**

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

**Gospel**

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your

son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

**Apolytikion of the Church**

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to our flock as a rule of faith and an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. By humility, therefore, you acquired the things on high, and riches through poverty. Father Holy Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, entreating that our souls be saved.

**Kontakion**

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."



# Parish News and Events [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)

**Welcome Visitors!**

Please fill out the form on the notepads in the pews and put it in the collection tray so we may welcome you to our Parish.

**Visitors Please Note**

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians. Visitors are welcome to receive the Antidoro (Blessed Bread), which is distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Prosforo** needed for Sunday March 7, 21 and 28.

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

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| <b>Mon. Feb. 1</b>  | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study<br>7:30 p.m. Bible Study  |
| <b>Tue. Feb. 2</b>  | <b>Presentation of the Lord</b><br>9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m. Bed pad Sewing<br>12:30 p.m. Senior Planning<br>8:00 p.m. OCF |
| <b>Wed. Feb. 3</b>  | 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class<br>7:30 p.m. YAL   |
| <b>Thur. Feb. 4</b> | 7:00 p.m. YERAC  |
| <b>Fri. Feb. 5</b>  | 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class<br>7:30 p.m. Paraklesis  |
| <b>Sat. Feb. 6</b>  | <b>First Saturday of Souls</b><br>9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy<br>6:30 p.m. Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance  |
| <b>Sun. Feb. 7</b>  | 4:00 p.m. GOYA Meeting<br>5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off/Super Bowl Sunday   |

**Prayer List**

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, Toni Kovalcheck, Angelica Stageman, Katina Eleni Hoffman, Robert Ashley, Sr., Priscilla Pardon, Pat Ricaldi, Deryl Deveau, Fotica George, Lucia Gagalis, Kevin Kling, Helen Camp, Bridget Smith, Rosaleen Baldwin, Marie Lyons, John Underhill, Cristinel Dima, Steve Garkinos, Jackson Bafile, Brian Melzian

**Philoptochos**

Bed pad sewing is a monthly project to benefit Arbor Hospice. Please join us on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Now is the time to join or renew your membership in Philoptochos. It is easy. We have no minimum membership fee. Any amount given will make you a 2010 Philoptochos member. We hope that our members will attend the monthly business meetings, but there are many other ways to participate. There is so much need in the world—with your help we can do more.

**St. Nicholas Seniors** please sign up on the poster in the social hall to attend the "Valentine Dessert" on Tuesday, February 9th. Time: 1:00 p.m. and no cost. We will be "Remembering" our St. Nicholas Church through the years. Information is on the poster.

**Church School Reminders**

**February:** Church school students will help Philoptochos with their Valentine Forget-me-not card project for our shut-ins. Extra services this month can be used to help erase absences.

**March:** Oratorical Parish festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Also, Saturday, March 27 is the Saturday of Lazarus Church school Communion Breakfast (Please attend as a family), and Wednesday, March 31, is Holy Unction Church school Retreat for all grades at 4:00 p.m.

**Super Bowl Sunday and Chili Cook-off**

Next Sunday, Feb. 7th at 5:00 p.m. join us for our Chili Cook-off and watch the Super Bowl. Bring your favorite chili recipe to share. If your last name begins with A-H, bring chips; I-Q, bring salad; R-Z, any dessert. Come for fun, fellowship and enjoy the game.

**75th Anniversary** —Join us on Saturday, February 20th as we continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary with a Family Fun/ Movie Night. Please bring a Lenten dish to pass, with enough food to serve 10 people. If your last name begins with:

**A THROUGH D FRUIT, HALVAH, DESSERTS**  
**E THROUGH G SLICED VEGETABLES AND RELISHES**  
**H THROUGH N BEAN OR LENTIL SOUP**  
**O THROUGH Q LENTEN VEGETABLE DISHES**  
**R THROUGH Z PASTA DISHES**

The committee will be at the church at 5:00 p.m. to accept your Lenten dish.